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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the telephonic interview held January 6, 2004. Original claims 24, 27 and 28 are under examination in the present action. The objection of Claim 24 as recited in the Final Office Action (Paper 10) is maintained for failing to incorporate all of the limitations of the rejected base claim.

Response to claim objections

Claim 24 stands as objected to as failing to provide a definition for R³ as contained in the rejected base claim that claim 24 was once dependent upon. Applicants have amended claim 24 to include the definition of R³ as contained in original claim 22. Applicants contend that this amendment does not introduce new matter and merely corrects an oversight that occurred during the amendment of current claim 24 in response to the final Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection to claim 24.

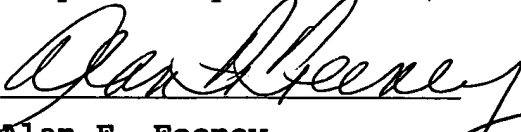
Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant(s) attorney at (508) 478-0144 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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